WE CLAIM:

1. A form for receiving and containing a settable filler material while the material sets comprising:

a tubular wall;

two circular end panels;

the wall and end panels each being formed from a flexible woven polymer fabric;

each of the end panels being stitched around its circular peripheral edge to an end edge of the tubular wall;

at least one filler opening into the form for receiving the filler material;

wherein the tubular wall is formed from a strip of the fabric which is arranged helically such that one side edge of the strip is stitched to an opposed side edge of a next turn of the strip to define a stitched seam which extends helically of the tubular wall from one end panel to the opposite end panel.

2. The form according to Claim 1 wherein the flexible woven fabric is laminated on its inside surface with a metal foil layer.

3. The form according to Claim 1 wherein the strip of fabric has a width relative to the diameter of the tubular wall such that the strip extends in at least one turn of helix.

4. The form according to Claim 1 wherein there is provided a filler opening in one end panel and a filler opening in the tubular wall.

5. The form according to Claim 1 wherein the strip of fabric has a width relative to the diameter of the tubular wall such that the strip at an angle of the order of 45 degrees relative to a line transverse to the longitudinal to the axis of the tubular member.

6. The form according to Claim 1 wherein there are provided support straps adjacent one end panel.

7. The form according to Claim 6 wherein the support straps are arranged at one end panel in which there is provided a filler opening.

8. The form according to Claim 1 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels each consist of single layer of the fabric.

9. The form according to Claim 1 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels are stitched together with stitched seams on an outside of the form.

10. The form according to Claim 1 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels are stitched together with simple overlapping seams.

11. The form according to Claim 1 wherein the flexible fabric is polypropylene woven fabric.

12. The form according to Claim 1 wherein the flexible woven fabric is substantially imperforate.

13. The form according to Claim 1 wherein the flexible fabric is transportation bag grade.

14. A form for receiving and containing a settable filler material while the material sets comprising:

a tubular wall;

two circular end panels;

the wall and end panels each being formed from a flexible woven polymer fabric;

each of the panels being stitched around its circular peripheral edge to an end edge of the tubular wall;

at least one filler opening into the form for receiving the filler material;

wherein the flexible woven fabric is laminated on its inside surface with a metal foil layer.

15. The form according to Claim 14 wherein the strip of fabric has a width relative to the diameter of the tubular wall such that the strip extends in at least one turn of helix.

16. The form according to Claim 14 wherein there is provided a filler opening in one end panel and a filler opening in the tubular wall.

17. The form according to Claim 14 wherein there are provided support straps adjacent one end panel.

18. The form according to Claim 14 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels each consist of single layer of the fabric.

19. The form according to Claim 14 wherein the tubular wall and the end panels are stitched together with stitched seams on an outside of the form.

20. A method for forming a support column comprising:

providing a form for receiving and containing a settable filler material, the form comprising:

a tubular wall;

two circular end panels;

the wall and end panels each being formed from a flexible woven polymer fabric;

each of the panels being stitched around its circular peripheral edge to an end edge of the tubular wall;

at least one filler opening into the form for receiving the filler material;

locating the form with one end panel uppermost at a surface to be supported and with the opposite end panel resting on a floor surface;

pouring into the form a heated settable filler material;

and causing the filler material to set while contained by the form;

wherein the flexible woven fabric is laminated on its inside surface with a metal foil layer.

21. A method for forming a support column comprising:

providing a form for receiving and containing a settable filler material, the form comprising:

a tubular wall;

two circular end panels;

the wall and end panels each being formed from a flexible woven polymer fabric;

each of the panels being stitched around its circular peripheral edge to an end edge of the tubular wall;

at least one filler opening into the form for receiving the filler material;

locating the form with one end panel uppermost at a surface to be supported and with the opposite end panel resting on a floor surface;

pouring into the form a heated settable filler material;

and causing the filler material to set while contained by the form;

wherein the tubular wall is formed from a strip of the fabric which is arranged helically such that one side edge of the strip is stitched to an opposed side edge of a next turn of the strip to define a stitched seam which extends helically of the tubular wall from one end panel to the opposite end panel.